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* THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Just one word, Sir, before you decide the matter. I am sorry that my explanation does not satisfy hon. Gentleman Dr. John. I would like some other points also to be taken into account, if it is seriously contended that we intended any insult. As a matter of fact, hon. Members had Budget copies in their possession round about the 14th of December and they were also in possession of the fact that they were going to be called to meet to-day and not earlier. If these hon. Gentlemen, who are now raising the point with so much heat, really felt that this was a wrong practice, they could have written to the Leader of the House and the Chairman, and we would have even agreed to convening this meeting earlier. I am saying this not by way of explanation. I agree that ordinarily the presentation should be simultaneous and that we should follow the convention. Here it is a case where most of the money has already been spent. Hon. Members had an opportunity to protest even earlier."

* DR. V. K. JOHN :—" We cannot protest because the Budget dates are fixed by the Governor on the advice of the Cabinet."

IV.—ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE HON. CHAIRMAN.

(1) PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

* MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to announce to the House that, under rule 15 of the Madras Council Rules, I have nominated the following four Members of the Council to be the panel of Chairmen for the fifth session of the Legislative Council under the Constitution :—

(1) Mrs. Mary Clubwala Jadhav,
(2) Sri T. M. Narayanaswamy Pillai,
(3) ,, B. V. Subrahmanyam and
(4) ,, N. Annamalai Pillai."

(2) MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have also to announce to the House that I have received the following messages, dated the 15th December 1953 and the 26th December 1953, from the Hon. the Speaker, Madras Legislative Assembly :—

(1) 'In accordance with rule 99 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 1953 (L.A. Bill No. 25 of 1953), as passed by the Assembly on the 15th December 1953, and signed by me, for the concurrence of the Council.'

(2) 'In accordance with rule 99 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1953 (L.A. Bill No. 26 of 1953, as passed by the Assembly on the 26th December 1953, and signed by me for the recommendations of the Council.'

" 2. I certify that this is a Money Bill within the meaning of Article 199 of the Constitution of India."